

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated January 24, 2008 within the shortened three month period for reply. The Examiner rejects all pending claims 5, 7-12 and 43-50. Applicants add new claims 51-57. Applicants cancel claims 43-50 without prejudice or disclaimer to filing one or more claims with similar subject matter. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and new claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview held with Applicants' patent attorneys Howard Sobelman and David Nigro on April 2, 2008. Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging that the cited references do not disclose or contemplate "editing at least a portion of said executable commands such that said executable commands still remain in said trusted portion, but cannot be executed by said network client," as recited in independent claim 5, as amended.

Rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 5-12 and 43-50

The Examiner rejects claims 5-12 and 43-50 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,473,794 to Guheen ("Guheen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,913,024 to Green ("Green"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections as set forth below.

Guheen discloses methods for planning the testing of components of an existing network framework. (See Abstract). Guheen teaches the separation of testing environments to prevent unauthorized access. (See columns 58-59). Green discloses a secure server system and method using a plurality of regions that comprise separate networking protocol stacks. (See Abstract, column 7, lines 56-59). Green discloses that, to prevent attack, a server may be executed by a user other than root. (See column 29, line 3). Both Guheen and Green discuss computer security issues, including the undesirability of unauthorized access to secure systems. **However, Guheen and Green do not include any discussion of editing executable commands.** As such, neither Guheen, Green, nor any combination thereof, disclose or contemplate at least, "editing at least a portion of said executable commands such that said executable commands still remain in said trusted portion, but cannot be executed by said network client," as recited in amended claim 5.

For example, one potential attack mode is disclosed in Applicants' FIG 12A. Applicants' FIG 12A describes the process of an unwanted party causing a network client to generate a bad request form to, for example, a trusted portion of a network server. Applicants' FIG 12A further discloses the network server returning unwanted, and potentially malicious, executable commands to the network

client. Such an attack mode may “fool” the network client into executing the unwanted executable commands. A network server that is capable of, at least, “editing at least a portion of said executable commands such that said executable commands still remain in said trusted portion, but cannot be executed by said network client,” may prevent, for example, such an attack mode as shown in Applicants’ FIG 12A.

Dependent claims 7-12, variously depend from independent claim 5, so Applicants assert that dependent claims 7-12 are patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating the independent claim 5, as well as in view of their own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 43-50 are now canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that these rejections are moot.

New Claims

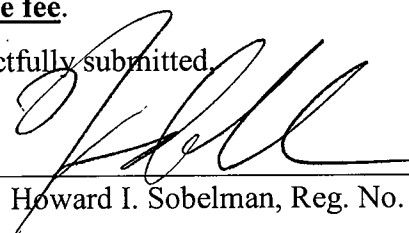
New claims 51-56 variously depend from independent claim 5. Applicants assert that new claims 51-56 are differentiated from the cited references for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 5, in addition to their own respective features.

New independent claim 57 contains similar elements as claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants assert that claim 57 is differentiated from the cited references for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 5, in addition to its own respective features.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as its invention and are allowable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner’s convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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